

Dying of Thirst While Drowning

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

2 Peter 3:5 (KJV) 

Today I'd like to talk about a subject more practical than deeply spiritual, about a rather large segment of the population, the willingly ignorant. They are those who either refuse to or are unable to acknowledge truth. This is one area where I believe that I am an expert, in dealing with those who don't acknowledge reality.

Unfortunately I cannot say that I have had any more success than you in getting them to change their ways.

It is very difficult for a person like myself who values truth greatly and seeks it no matter the cost to understand the motivation of those who would avoid it at all costs. The truth is often very ugly, but still preferable to a lie.

The truth is there for all to see, but it takes an act of the will to acknowledge it. It cannot be changed or manipulated in any way, only our perception of it. We can hide it, deny it or disregard it, but it is always there bearing silent witness. It can be our best friend if we embrace it or our worst enemy if we do not.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:10 (KJV) 

When we come against the accuser of the brethren it should come as no surprise that we are falsely accused. I have learned much by checking every doctrine against the Word, especially when I am falsely accused. Much of my doctrine comes from seeking the Lord for the answer in a specific situation with a person, from going to the Lord in prayer for them and studying the Word on a specific matter in accordance with **Hebrews 5:14**  I am learning the methods that Satan uses to challenge God's Word. The only way anything we say will stand against the lies of Hell is if they are not our own words, but based on God's Holy Word.

As we see in **Ezekiel 3:18-21**  we are required to warn both the wicked and the righteous when they fall into unrighteousness and sin. By far the most common response to scripturally based warnings is to turn around and accuse us of judging them, being unloving or some variation of that theme. These people are often greatly skilled in 'reality avoidance' and when cornered will sometimes even say things that make them appear to be fools rather than simply acknowledge the truth.

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Matthew 7:6 (KJV) 

Only God can change the heart of these people. It is futile to argue with them, whether they are willingly ignorant or blinded to the truth. Rest assured, the willingly ignorant will eventually be blinded because God will not cast



His pearls before swine. The only time I will engage these people in discussion is when they try to spread their bad doctrine to the body of Christ, and only then to share scripture that illuminates the truth.

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:3 (KJV) 

To be 'Dying of Thirst While Drowning' is to be surrounded by the truth but to prefer the lie, even if it is destroying you. It is to close your mind and regurgitate bad doctrine instead of considering what others are saying and more importantly showing you in God's Word. To dare to entertain the thought that we might be wrong. We can only be so bold as to tell others that they are wrong when we carefully consider every argument they may present and compare it to scripture.

Learn this lesson well, when we question doctrine and the response is a personal attack you can be assured the doctrine is based on very shaky ground, not the Rock.

